

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. ONE

THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF ETHICS

WHEREAS, the people of North Carolina entrust public power to elected and appointed officials for the purpose of furthering the public, not private or personal, interest; and

WHEREAS, to maintain the public trust it is essential that government function honestly and fairly, free from all forms of impropriety, threats, favoritism, and undue influence; and

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials must maintain and exercise the highest standards of duty to the public in carrying out the responsibilities and functions of their positions; and

WHEREAS, acceptance of authority granted by the people to elected and appointed officials imposes a commitment of fidelity to the public interest and such power cannot be used to advance narrow interest for oneself, other persons, or groups; and

WHEREAS, self interest, partiality, and prejudice have no place in decision making for the public good; and

WHEREAS, Public Officials must exercise their duties responsibly with skillful judgment and energetic dedication; and

WHEREAS, Public Officials must exercise discretion with sensitive information pertaining to public and private persons and activities; and

WHEREAS, to maintain the integrity of North Carolina's state government, those citizens entrusted with authority must exercise it for the good of the public and treat every citizen with courtesy, attentiveness, and respect; and